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EAGEN NAMED VICE PRESIDENT FOR CHURCH RELATIONS

The University of San Diego is pleased to announce the appointment of the Very Reverend Monsignor I. Brent Eagen, V.F., as Vice President for Church Relations and Director of University Ministry. Monsignor Eagen, currently pastor of the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, will join the university on January 15, 1993.

Monsignor Eagen is a member of USD's Board of Trustees and has been involved with the university for the past 32 years. "We are delighted that Monsignor Eagen will undertake this new role in the USD community," says USD President Author Hughes. "We know his extensive experience and inspiration will enrich the church's pastoral mission at our university."

Monsignor Eagen joined the faculty of the San Diego College for Men in 1960, and was appointed director of school relations in 1964.

He became a member of the University of San Diego Board of Trustees in 1968. (In 1972, the San Diego College for Men and San Diego College for Women merged to form the University of San Diego.)

In 1980 the university awarded him an honorary doctorate recognizing his accomplishments as an educator, administrator.

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"I'm excited about joining the university and working with the people that I admire and like so much," Monsignor Eagen says. "I gave this decision a lot of thought, because the Mission has been such an important part of my life. I've been here for 22 years, and it really filled a goal for me, because I had always wanted to be a pastor. But it's time for me to move on, and I'm looking forward to my pastoral duties at USD."

Monsignor Eagen was one of the early pioneers of the ecumenical movements in San Diego. He has served a variety of communities in San Diego and Imperial Counties since 1956, when he was ordained as priest for the Diocese of San Diego.

He has been appointed to a number of boards and commissions, including the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the San Diego County Ecumenical Conference.

Monsignor Eagen's community activities have garnered him a number of awards, including the San Diego County Heart Association's Good Guy Award and the First United Methodist Church's Good Samaritan Award. In 1989, he was named "A Man for All Seasons" by the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

Monsignor Eagen was born in San Bernardino, Calif., and attended Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles before entering the St. Francis Seminary. He earned a master of arts degree from Loyola Marymount in 1961. He studied literature and drama at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he was admitted to the doctoral program. In 1974, he attended the Institute for Continuing Theological Education in Rome.

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